









# PLAIN TALK

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## PLAIN TALK PASTIMES.

**THE MAGIC EXTINGUISHER.**—A candle being lit on your table, you speak of its being not wanted, and clap an extinguisher upon it; on lifting off this cap, the candle has disappeared.

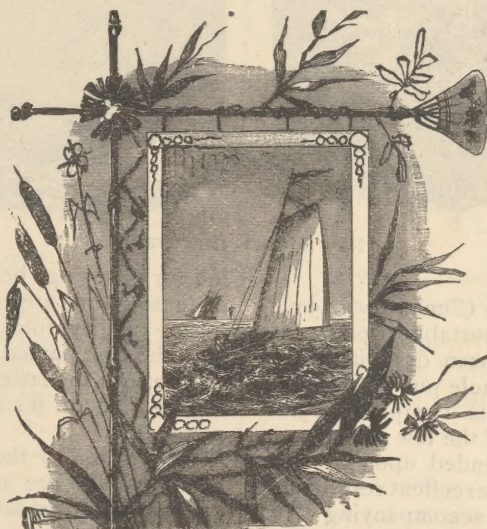
*Explanation.*—The candle is hollow, and adapts itself perfectly to the cavity of the extinguisher; the top has a bit of wick soaked in wax or oil, which only burns till you put on the extinguisher, and remains in the bottom of the mock candle, which is only a tin case.

**AN ANIMATED GAME.**—Place in a double line one more chair than players; then march around them in a circle, keeping step to the music of a performer on an instrument or the voice of some one singing. Whenever the operator or singer stops you must all sit down as rapidly as you can, and whoever fails to find a chair drops out. The number of chairs is diminished by one, and so you keep on until only one person remains, who wins the game. Rude-ness should be carefully avoided in this *and every other sport*, especially towards the ladies.

**BLUE JACK.**—For those who play cards, we have been told, an excellent round game is to take from the pack enough small cards to make them divide evenly among the number of players, then follow exactly the laws of whist, except that each player generally plays for himself, and every trick he takes counts one point if four play, and two points if more than four play; but whoever takes the trick

with the jack of clubs in it has ten taken off his score, or charged against what he may get. If, therefore, you get the jack of clubs dealt to you, try to work it off on some one else by throwing away when you cannot follow suit, or in some other way. Taking the trick with the jack in it makes one feel blue, hence the name of the game.

**HOW TO CUT GLASS.**—Having privately dipped a thread in sulphur, wrap it around the part of the glass you wish cut, then set fire to it, and by immersing it smartly into cold water, it will immediately cut in the way required. This may cause a good deal of curiosity, and is likewise very useful on some occasions.



**BISMARCK'S WHISTLE.**—Take an old tin can or cup, through the bottom of which make a hole. A cord is inserted and fastened by a knot on the end. Resin the string and hold by the upper end in the left hand. On drawing the right thumb and finger, inclosing the cord, along it, a peculiarly torturing sound is brought out.

**TO GIVE A PERSON A SUPERNATURAL APPEARANCE.**—Put one part of phosphorus in six of olive oil, and digest them in a sand heat. Rub this on the face—taking care to shut the eyes, and the appearance in the dark will be supernaturally frightful. All the parts which have been rubbed appearing to be covered by a luminous lambent flame of a bluish contour, whilst the eyes and mouth appear like black spots. No danger whatever attends this experiment.

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## AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHY.

CONDUCTED BY C. RAE SMITH.

### ON THE CHOICE OF APPARATUS.

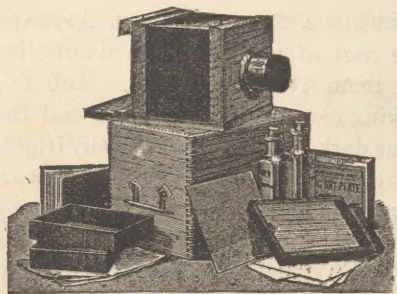
THE manufacturers of the present day offer many styles of equipments to the attention of the amateur, from the cheap outfits with single lens, etc., to the more elaborate cameras, provided with every convenience imaginable. These latter are supplied with lenses giving rectilinear lines and equal illumination.

The great variety of cameras in the market must necessarily augment the difficulty of selecting one that will suit the requirements of the amateur to the best advantage.

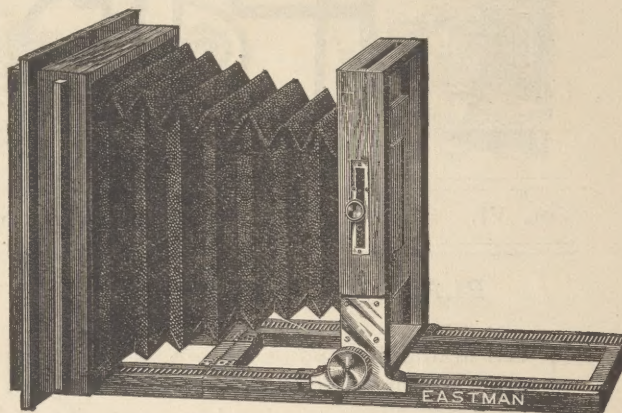
To those of limited resources, or who wish to gain some experience before investing in an expensive apparatus, the \$3.50 Climax Outfit, of which a cut is here shown, will afford the means of much amusement and instruction. This little outfit, comprising everything necessary to make pictures  $3\frac{1}{4} \times 4\frac{1}{4}$  inches is contained in a neat box which also serves for a carrying case when in the field. A tripod for this outfit costs a small sum extra and is very useful for out-door work.

Another popular outfit is the Climax for 4x5 pictures. This includes a good portable tripod, plate holder, printing frame, one dozen dry plates, and all necessary chemicals, the whole put up in a box with sliding cover, and costs complete, \$5.00. These are probably the best of the low priced complete outfits, and can be depended upon to work satisfactorily. By either most excellent results may be obtained if the directions accompanying them are followed with reasonable care.

Of the medium priced cameras the "New Model" and "New Model Improved" are among the best. Certainly no others of similar price can approach them in style and finish. The "New Model" is made of cherry, a wood both light and strong,



CLIMAX \$3.50 OUTFIT.



EASTMAN'S VIEW CAMERA.

and has nearly all the most approved modern appliances, such as "Swing Back," "Adjustable Front," etc. These at first will be but little used by the beginner, but as he advances in a knowledge of the art they will be more fully appreciated, and

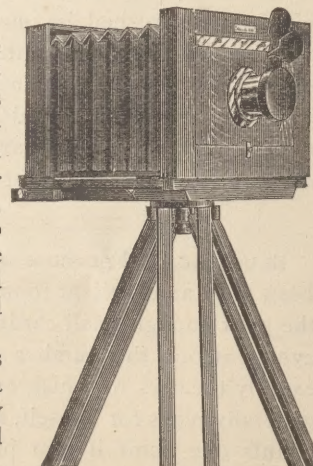
when once understood be often brought into service. The "New Model Improved" is manufactured of Honduras mahogany, exquisitely polished, finished with nickel trimmings, rack and pin-

ion for focusing, besides all improvements. Both of these outfits are supplied with an achromatic lens of fine quality, folding tripod, double plate holder, etc., the first named ranging in price from \$10.00 to \$18.00, and the latter from \$13.00 to \$25.00, according to size of instrument.

In addition to these cameras there are others of different makers too numerous to mention, most of them showing slight differences in construction, and a great many too complicated to become popular. They are sold at prices to suit all pockets.

The principal points in selecting a camera are rigidity, simplicity of construction, and exact fitting of parts.

*To be continued.*



NEW MODEL.

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· PLAIN TALK ·



MARCH.

WITH the roar of a lion,  
Moanin' and sighin',  
The wind rushes in, Pneumonia to bring,  
While the Italian grinders  
Leave gentle reminders  
That, although it's freezing, it's "Spring, Gentle Spring!"  
You get hit in the neck  
With snow by the peck,  
And dash for the urchin, whose nose you would ring;  
As you step on the ice,  
You go down in a trice,  
But remember at once that it's "Spring, Gentle Spring!"  
When a warm spell comes round,  
All the dudes in the town  
Will rush to their "Uncles" their ulsters to swing,  
But inside of a week  
Their "Uncles" they seek—  
They're freezing to death though it's "Spring, Gentle Spring!"  
If disturbed in your dreams  
By the kid's frightful screams,  
Get out with his nibs and good naturedly sing;  
Don't mind intense cold,  
And don't rave and scold,  
But remember again that it's "Spring, Gentle Spring!"

CONN.

ALL FOOL'S DAY.

NOW the festive urchin,  
From school will hookey play,  
Drive nervous people crazy,  
With mischief "on the lay."  
A rather ancient female,  
Not mindful, at the time,  
Neatly made up package,  
So tempting looks and fine.  
She kicks, and screams,  
And well nigh swoons away,  
"Those horrid, nasty boys  
Will murder me some day."  
Old clothes bags are depleted  
Of material for their "tails,"  
Their mammas' cushions pinless,  
Transformed to women's trails.  
Approaching victims from behind,  
With caution up they sail,  
Dextrously the pin hooks in,  
And thereby hangs the tail.

LIVERPAD.

PLAIN TALK FAMILY RECIPES.

FRENCH BRANDY.—Take a stock of thirty-five gallons of powdered dish water, and add a thickening of one bucket full of carpet dust and sweepings, stirring it with the mop. When all the rats have drowned and flies dissolved, flavor with a mixture of five or six well-worn socks, one pound Limburger cheese and half a cupful of tobacco juice. Enliven with the following, which will give it a brilliant sparkle: Four ounces smashed window panes, one hundred fish hooks, one dozen boxes large tacks, thirteen snakes, four scorpions, and half a pint of gimlets. Mix in a large pig trough, put up in French brandy bottles and sell at \$5.00 a pint. Used in *extremely* small quantities, it is a first-class dog poison.

MOONLIGHT PUDDING.—Mash a good-looking young lady. Add four or five dozen oysters, six plates of ice cream, and half a restaurant, according to taste. Put the mixture in a buggy, and keep up a two-forty chinwag for five and a half hours; if she does not say yes by this time, add twenty-five gallons of taffy and one hog's-head of softsoap. Stop at a minister's house and get married.

GUNWAD.

PLAININGS.

"GOING to move so early in the season, Swing-ly; what's the matter?"  
"Nothing, only I feel the want of a little change."  
"I understood the landlord to say it was caused by a lack of 'change.'"

"OH! such a delicious kiss! How nice it is to press the lips of innocence for the first time," ecstatically remarked the drummer as he kissed a country maiden.

"That's what all the fellows say when they kiss me. 'Chestnut.'"

"I HAVEN'T seen much of your wife lately, Redhorn; not sick, is she?"

"On the contrary, she's quite well. If you had been at the reception at Wilmer's last week, when she wore her new décolleté dress, you might have seen enough of her to satisfy you for twelve months."

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### SPECIAL OFFER.

Until June 1st subscriptions to Plain Talk, without Premium, will be received at 25 Cents per annum. New and highly interesting departments introduced this month, and the paper placed within the reach of every youth in the land. The cheapest good paper in America to-day. Subscribe now. Twenty-five cents a year in advance, only until June 1st; after that 50 cents.

ONE hundred and eighty-four new subscribers in March! Surely, the wisdom of establishing the new departments for Amateur Photographers, Mineralogists, and Merrymakers at home has been justified. Send along your subscriptions while the special offer lasts.

ADVERTISERS should be prompt in sending their favors for the April number, as it will make its appearance earlier than usual, and advertisers should not fail to take advantage of the increasing, swelling and magnificent boom.

ITEMS appertaining to any of the departments of this paper are always accepted with thanks.

### PLAIN TALK'S PRIZE PROBLEMS.

PLAIN TALK'S Prize Problems are open to anybody and everybody. Any person receiving a Sample Copy of the paper is entitled to compete for the prize offered in the current number. Regular subscribers, however, have the advantage of competing twelve times a year, or during the continuance of their subscription, with the chance, of course, of winning something worth many times the cost of their subscription.

When two or more correct answers to a problem are received, the winner will be decided by a hat drawing.

The names of the winners and all competitors sending the correct answer will be published monthly, and all persons (not subscribers) sending the correct answers, who are unlucky at the drawing, will be offered an opportunity of subscribing to PLAIN TALK at the reduced price of Thirty Cents per annum.

All answers must be in by the 5th of the month, and any person (not a subscriber) wishing a copy of the next number containing a solution of problem and the names of winners, must send with his answer 5 cents in stamps for the copy

### THE WINNERS.

THE winners of prizes for our March problems were Mr. Chas. C. L. Kastner, Box 323, Ft. Madison, Iowa, who won first prize, and P. J. Walsh, Jr., Burmont, Pa., second. The other persons sending the correct answer were Mr. T. McTurck, Valley Stream, N. Y., T. S. Smith, Box 2115, N. Y. City, Archie S. McKeene, Phillipi, Me., Geo. R. Merrill, 68 Williams Ave, Detroit, Mich., W. F. Bingaman, Allentown, Pa., Chas. A. Bugermiller, Youngstown, O., Frank C. Rolder, Allentown, Pa., Mary Drafall, Palo, Iowa, Thos. D. Clegg, Terrell, Tex., H. Mathers, Halifax, N. S., J. S. Hunter, Savannah, Mo., C. W. Ackhurst, Halifax, N. S.

### PRIZE PROBLEM FOR APRIL.

TAKE these figures, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 0, add them together and make 100 without using any figure twice.

We will give free one year's subscription to PLAIN TALK, and one Gaskell's Compendium (together worth one dollar and fifty cents), to the person sending the correct answer to the above puzzle, and complying with the requirement at top of page, as to enclosing five cents for copy of paper.

If two or more correct answers are received, two prizes will be awarded, the second for PLAIN TALK for six months and Gaskell's Compendium.

"I WAS very much pleased with Gaskell's Compendium, and consider it worth trying for." Edward Mooney, winner of prize in Jan'y number.

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## DEPARTMENT OF MINERALOGY.

CONDUCTED BY FRANK MYERS.

SOME REMARKABLE THINGS turn up, to surprise the energetic student, when he least expects it. Not long ago a beautiful, clear green beryl, four inches long, was picked up in one of the busiest thoroughfares of this city. The student noticed a piece of variegated gneiss rock in the street with others of the harder species, and thinking it looked a little peculiar, dug it up, putting another immediately in its place. Upon his arrival home, he investigated the rock, also applying the hammer, when, lo! and behold in the very centre of the rock nestled his royal highness the Beryl. Such finds are rare, and are only brought to light by the energetic and persistent student.

THE following extract from a letter received a few days ago will no doubt be of considerable interest to collectors generally:

PROVO CITY, Utah.

F. MYERS.

*Dear Sir*—A few days since I received a copy of PLAIN TALK, and was interested in reading your Department of Mineralogy.

The Gem Garnet you speak of therein are very handsome colored stones, being of a fine purple ruby tint, and very brilliant. Those that have come into my hands were about the size of a pea, and free from flaws. I have sent a good many to England (some pounds).

I see that your firm advertise Minerals of different kinds for sale. Are there any kinds that you want from this part of the world? I expect to travel through Nevada and other States this summer, where there are many curiosities to be obtained. \* \* \*

W. H. B.

Persons wishing to open correspondence with above party can do so by addressing this office.

## GEM RESOURCES OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY GEO. F. KUNZ, OF GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

SAPPHIRES AND RUBIES.—Sapphires and rubies have been found at Vernon, New Jersey, but always more or less opaque, and although a number have been cut from this locality, the probability is that there has not been a single gem.

At the Jenks mine, Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, where corundum mining was being

carried on some years ago and has recently been resumed, the mineral being mined for use as a grinding and polishing substance, fully fifty gems were found, some of them weighing 2 karats. Only about one-half of these were of good color, most of which were really gems in every sense of the word. The colors were rich blue, violet blue, ruby red, light red, pink and yellow; and others were colorless. No one of these gems had a higher value than possibly \$100. The smaller ones were the richest in color.

The principal locality for sapphires in the United States is in the garden districts near Helena, Montana; Santa Fe, New Mexico; Southern Colorado and Arizona. Here they occur in the sand, associated with peridot, pyrope and almandine garnet. From this district they are sent to the cities in odd lots, as they happen to be met with, and no regular searching for them is carried on. They are often with the associated gems on anthills, which abound in this district. Two gems from here may be mentioned, although weighing only one-eighth of a karat each, one of which was a true ruby red, and the other a sapphire blue, colors rarely met with. The gems are usually of a light green, greenish blue, light blue, bluish red, light red, and red; also of all the intermediate shades. They are usually dichroic, and often blue in one crystal, and frequently all the colors mentioned will assume a red or reddish tinge by artificial light. A very interesting piece of jewelry was made of these stones in the form of a crescent; at one end the stones were red, shaded to a bluish red in the centre and blue at the other end; by artificial light the color of all turned red. Perfect gems of from four to six karats each are frequently met with. Occasionally crystals are found which would afford ruby and sapphire asterias of a poor quality. The value of the gems that are cut of material found in this district amounts to fully \$2,000 per annum. There are, however, a great many found that are never cut, owing to the higher cost of cutting, and the greater skill required in cutting this gem.

CONTRIBUTIONS WANTED.—Short sketches relating to mineral curiosities, important finds, finds in unusual places, noted sales of rare gems, descriptions of collections, and items of all sorts relating to minerals and of interest to mineral collectors, are solicited from our patrons and readers, which will be duly credited.

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## \* PROFITABLE \* \* PHILATELIC POINTS \*

DEPARTMENT EDITOR, CH. DORMIN,  
Sec'y Stampadelphia M. Y. O. B. P. A.

### A LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

*Plain Talk Publishing Co.:*

DEAR SIR: I need not say that I have felt exceedingly flattered by your repeated requests to take charge of this department, and as letter has followed letter, each with an increased salary offer, I have wavered and continued to waver, but when your telegram of week before last was handed me this morning by the agile messenger, who had only consumed ten days in going four blocks, the wavering ceased and I surrendered. Dear PLAIN TALK, here I am with pen, pencil, paper, scissors and mucilage-bottle—yours, all yours. I am not the oldest philatelist in the world, by any means, neither am I the handsomest one, as your repeated efforts to secure my portrait for publication would seem to indicate, but my first stamp collection was commenced way back in the sixties, and I have seen a thing or two in my day. Some of the things which I have seen may find record in this Department from time to time, and I invite contributions from all philatelists as to what they have seen and heard, Items of current news I shall be especially grateful for. As I before remarked, I am,

Yours,

CH. DORMIN.

Stampadelphia, March 10.

M. Y. O. B. P. A.—Mind Your Own Business  
Philatelic Association.

STANLEY GIBBONS, probably the best known of English dealers, has applied for admission into the A. P. A.

IT IS said that T. Coke Watkins is to stand sponsor for a volume of philatelic poetry soon to be issued. Poor fellow, he is to be pitied!

S. B. BRADT should now be addressed at P. O. Box 206, Chicago, having given up his office. He now transacts business at his residence at Grand Crossing, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

MR. CASEY'S 14th sale netted \$1,535.00.

A "DEALERS' Protective Association" is the latest proposed stamp "trust."

SEE the prize offer at foot of this column, and look for further offers next month.

SEVERAL new philatelic publications—papers and magazines—are promised in the near future.

THE "Descriptive Manual of Philately," now running in the *Philatelic Gazette*, is worthy of being preserved in book form.

THE YOUTH'S LEDGER is to be changed to the magazine form, and will hereafter be known as *The Collector's Ledger*.

ONLY four more months before the second election of officers of the A. P. A. It's not too early to be thinking about candidates.

MRS. DURBIN, widow of the late L. W. Durbin, has formed a co-partnership with Mr. E. B. Hanes, and the style of the firm is now Durbin & Hanes.

MR. H. A. BABB, of Denver, has published a folio 4to directory, entitled "The Stamp Dealers of the United States." It is very complete, and a handy thing to have on one's desk.

THE daily press of the country is taking more and more interest in matters philatelic. *The Springfield Republican*, though cranky as to politics, is a paper which collectors may now tie to, as a review of philatelic affairs is to be one of its regular features hereafter.

CONTRIBUTIONS are wanted for this department, and to create interest the editor offers a prize of \$1.00 for the best short item, of not more than fifty words, stating any philatelic fact or item of news of interest to philatelists. The only conditions are that the item, or its substance, has never been in print, and that it is received before April 10th. All items sent in are to become the property of the editor and to be published if he sees fit, but only the one deemed the best is to be paid for.

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## —DIRECTORY—

THE Quaker City Philatelic Society banqueted on Feb. 17th.

THE STAMP, always on the improve, had its department headings in new type with its last issue.

ST. LOUIS is to have an auction sale of stamps every month, conducted by the Philatelic Publishing Co.

MANY collectors are taking advantage of our reduced subscription price. Come on; our subscription book is large enough to hold *all* your names.

"THE WOULD-BE PHILATELISTS" is the name of a society being formed here in Brooklyn. Boys from 13 to 18 years of age are eligible to membership.

T. J. MITCHELL, (Wanderer,) of Chicago, takes his Jersey namesake to task for calling Longfellow an Englishman. The Dr. *does* "talk through his hat" sometimes.

STAMP dealers should not forget that there are from 12,000 to 15,000 collectors in New York City and Brooklyn alone, and that PLAIN TALK is the best medium through which to reach them.

VICTOR ROSEWATER, in the March number of the *Western Philatelist*, exposes a new swindle that it would be well for collectors to beware of. Verily, in these days of counterfeiting and swindling, the way of the stamp collector and dealer is tough.

ST. LOUIS had its first stamp auction February 17th. Mr. Mekeel reports that the sale was an experiment, and a decided success. The amount realized was \$421.99. (Note the truthfulness of Mr. Mekeel's report—four hundred and twenty-one dollars and *ninety-nine* cents.)

THE new Dealers' Protective Association bids fair to have a very successful career. The following nominations have been made: Prest., T. F. Mitchell; Vice Prest., C. F. Rothfuchs; Sec'y, C. G. Woodworth; Purchasing Sec'y, Wm. v. d. Wettern, Jr.; Treas'r., C. H. Mekeel; Trustees, J. S. Bixby, R. R. Bogert, S. B. Bradt.

### THE HISTORY OF THE STAMPS OF TURKEY.\*—VI.

BY G. A. CONSTANTINIDES.

#### POST CARDS.

20 paras—Rose and black.

20X20 " " " "

The stamps issued in 1881 and 1882 recall to us the type of the stamps of 1876, Die B, perforated 13½.

20 paras—Grey (1882).

2 piastres—Yellow-flesh (1881).

#### VARIETIES.

(a.) Unperforated.

20 paras—Grey.

(b.) Black, inscriptions turned upside down.

2 piastres—Yellow-flesh.

Two stamps also of 1876, Die B, were issued unperforated.

10 paras—Purple.

20 " —Green.

The forerunner of the issue of 1884 was the 10 paras stamp perforated 11½, with date.

10 paras—Green and black.

#### VARIETIES.

Unperforated.

10 paras—Green and black.

Four months after appeared the new issue of stamps, followed by a card and a reply-paid. They were perforated 11½, and bear the same date.

10 paras—Green and live green.

20 " —Carmine and rose.

1 piastre—Blue and live blue.

2 " —Yellow and live yellow.

5 " —Brown and live brown.

#### VARIETIES.

(a.) All the above stamps unperforated.

10 paras—Green and live green.

20 " —Carmine and rose.

1 piastre—Blue and live blue.

(b.) Perforated 13½.

10 paras—Green and live green.

20 " —Carmine and rose.

1 piastre—Blue and live blue.

2 " —Yellow and live yellow.

5 " —Brown and live brown.

(c.) C. Homan instead of O. Homan.

20 paras—Carmine and rose.

(d.) Piastrf for piastre.

1 piastrf—Blue and live blue.

(e.) Fiastres for piastres.

5 fiastres—Brown and live brown.

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### FUN FOR EVERYBODY. (SOMETHING ENTIRELY NEW.)

the string of the tie and the word *Rats* will present itself and knock them silly. There are a number of different jokes such as "Too fresh," "No flies on that," "Go hire a hall," "Cheese it," "Rats," etc. It is a capital joke and will be fully appreciated by any one upon whom it has been perpetrated. There is no machinery about it. It looks just like any neck tie. A cord is attached to the end of each tie and by sliding your hand under your vest or letting the cord hang out through a button hole you can very easily pull it. When your victim sees the joke let it go and it will then go back into place.

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|------------------------------|--------|
| 1 Sample by Mail, Post-paid, | \$ .40 |
| 3 " " " " " " " " " "        | 1.10   |
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| 3 " " " " " " " " " "        | 9.75   |
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PRICE, with Rectilinear Lens, for 4¼ x 6½, with one Double Holder, \$75.00; 3¼ x 4¼, \$60.00. In Roll Holder Camera, 48 film negatives can be taken without changing the spools. Price, 4¼ x 6½, \$95.00; 3¼ x 6½, \$75.00. Send stamp for illustrated catalogue. Sample Photograph, 15 cents. Ordinary Cameras from \$3.50 upward. Mention Plain Talk.

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